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### Letter from "F. M. B. A."

ED. AGITATOR: I have just been reading the Progressive Farmer, and in it I find this item:

"The prohibition states are now supplied with supreme court whisky in original packages. How could it be otherwise? The supreme court has been packed in favor of monopoly interests. One of these is the bonded whisky fraud. The tax due from the distillers depends upon the sale of the whisky. Now if the states all turn prohibition, the tax will never be paid, and the whisky trust will have no motive to contribute money to corrupt legislation and bribe voters. So it seems quite consistent that the supreme court should come to the front and create a market for the prohibited drug. The same body goes back on its former record on the grange railroad cases, and for the same reason—to promote the interests of bad government and dishonest politics. It comes within Mrs. Partington's definition of courts—'institutions established for the purpose of dispensing with justice.'"

I also read another item in the same issue of the Farmer, as follows:

"There are 46 saloon-keepers in Porter county, Ind. The license in the county, outside of Valparaiso, is \$100; in Valparaiso it is \$250. The saloon-keepers have united for mutual protection against their political enemies, and to pay each other's fines. They claim to be able to defeat any candidate not pledged in their favor. They will hold a picnic, probably at Chesterton, on Sunday, Aug. 24. They expect then to raise over \$1,000 for their 'defense fund.' \* \* \* Those who think the rum power may be easily controlled are decidedly out in their calculations."

Now, I want to say a few words to my brother farmers, and I want them to consider this matter well.

Some of you don't believe in prohibition of the liquor traffic, although a large majority do; but there are many who do believe in prohibition who yet think that matter should be allowed to rest until the money question is settled. You who believe that way are requested to read the above items again, and then, in your minds, follow up the results.

According to the first item, the supreme court is packed in the interest of the liquor power—and this looks plausible from the fact that, in their recent original package decision, they went back on former decisions. According to the second item, the liquor power is organizing (is organized, in fact,) to protect themselves against the laws of the land, and to influence legislation in their favor. This is true of the liquor power throughout the United States.

Let us look into the matter a little further. In a very short time, the English syndicate that has been buying the breweries and distilleries of this country will own all of them. The saloons control the politicians of this country—that is an acknowledged fact. Then, as the distillers and the brewers own or control a majority of the saloons, and the saloons control the politicians, what is the inevitable result? Why, laws will be passed to suit the liquor power.

But, we will go a little further. This powerful English syndicate is not only buying the breweries and distilleries of this country, but is also buying up our lands, our factories, our mines, our stock-yards—everything, in fact, that it can get its hands upon. This same outfit holds mortgages upon thousands of American farms. You, farmers, have paid to those Englishmen millions upon millions of dollars in the way of interest, and will pay a great deal more.

This syndicate has a two-fold object in buying our "drunk-factories"—one is to make money on the investment, and the other is to control legislation—not only in favor of the liquor interests, but also in favor of the alien land-owner, the foreign money-lender and the trusts, railroad and other corporations, in which they are largely interested. Every time an American buys a glass or a bottle of liquor, he is helping to bind the chain still tighter. He is not only becoming more and more a slave to a terrible appetite, but he is also putting his neck further into the slaveholder's yoke.

Now, brethren, I have stated to you facts. The liquor power is a bigger thing than many of you have any idea it is. It is to our financial interest to do everything in our power to down it. We cannot afford to ignore the question of prohibition.

Yours, truly, F. M. B. A.

The farmers want to know why they have been discriminated against, and while they create seven-eighths of the wealth and pay directly and indirectly seven-eighths of the taxes, that they can't borrow \$1 from the government while the national bankers can borrow \$350,000,000 to loan to the people at 8 to 20 per cent.—*Vindicator, Bloomfield, Mo.*

BEER and whiskey were used to secure Funston's re-nomination, and lots of "prohibitionists—but" will vote for him.

### The Coming of Wyoming

Wyoming is a sovereign state of the American Union. Her constitution and bill of rights prohibit political distinctions on account of sex, and forever guarantee equal legal and political rights to woman. A new empire state is born—an abiding place for liberty—whence her rays will speedily illumine the world. This is the greatest triumph yet achieved by the movement for the enfranchisement of woman. It is the precursor of world-wide victory.

Wyoming, the last and brightest star in the American constellation, contains ninety-eight thousand square miles. By its admission as a state, woman suffrage is firmly established over an area twelve times as large as Massachusetts, double that of New York or England, or about equal to both together. It is larger than Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland; greater than all Great Britain; three times the size of Ireland larger than South Carolina and Florida; equal to North Carolina and Virginia; much larger than Kansas, Washington or Utah; it exceeds the area of Italy or Hungary; it is three times the size of the great tropical islands, Cuba and Java; equal to all New Zealand; greater than any state of Mexico, and as large as the province of Ontario.—*Ex.*

THE Garnett R-P. tries to make capital out of the report that A. F. Allen has a brother in Michigan who thinks Funston is a statesman, etc. Let's see: Ben Harrison has a brother at Kansas City, who is a Democrat, and who thought Cleveland was a better president than Ben could be; and yet, his opinion didn't seem to cut much of a figure in the election in '88. And Mr. Allen's brother's opinion of Funston will not cut any more of a figure in the election in the Second district in 1890. A. F. Allen will be elected to take Funston's seat in congress.

ONE of our Republican exchanges says that Mr. Funston remained at his post at Washington and did not leave once to look after his chances for re-election. Yes, he remained at Washington, but he sent a trusted lieutenant out here to try to patch up the holes in Funston's political fences. And besides, you know, he has an army of postmasters to work for him—and they are putting in their best licks, too.